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Filed: June 23, 2003 : Examiner: Michael G. MENDOZA  
For: Method and Instrument for Thermal Suture Cutting

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action, mailed April 29, 2005, be extended for one month, from July 29, 2005 to on or before August 29, 2005

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) is \$120.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee, as well as any other fee required to maintain the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 50-2101.

Respectfully submitted,

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